

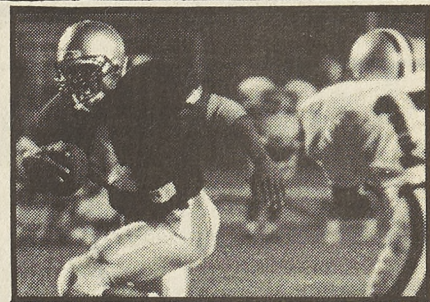
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Van Nuys, California

Council slams funding gap

By ANNA L. VILLA
Editor-in-Chief

Tempers ran high at Valley's College Council meeting last Friday as council members discussed the inequitable distribution of funds throughout the Los Angeles Community College District.

After the final state budget was passed, funding for community colleges increased about 3 percent over the 91/92 funding, according to a faculty newsletter provided by Jack Sterk, faculty president.

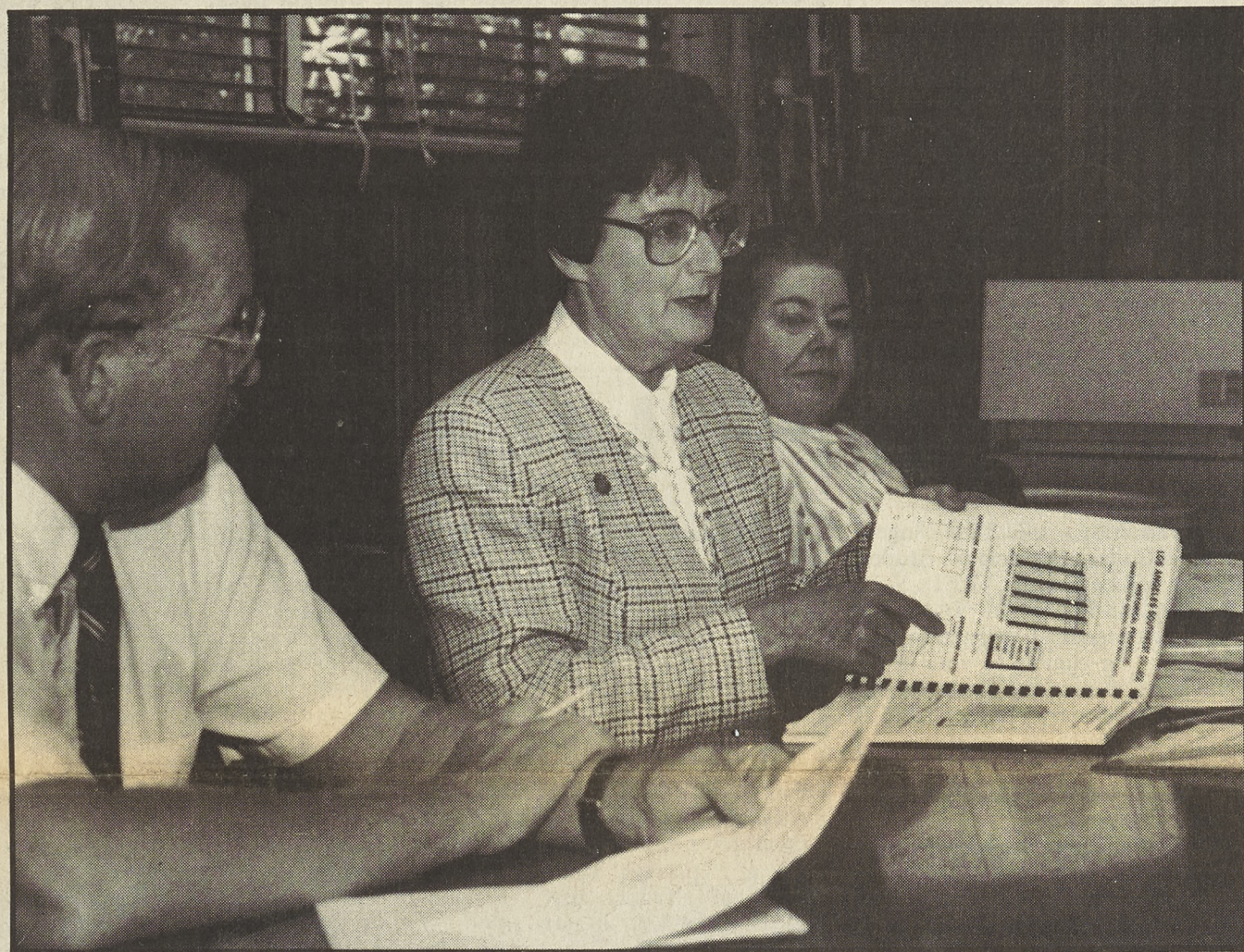
However, the Final Budget report, provided by the District, shows a drastic imbalance between the amounts earned by each college, based on full-time equivalent students (FTES) and the amounts actually apportioned to them.

With more than 11,530 FTES, Valley has enrolled 2,000 more students than Los Angeles City College, according to Valley President Dr. Mary E. Lee. "Our students have earned \$800,000 more than City, yet we have been funded \$2 million less than City," she said.

"At first glance it looks like funds are being distributed equally [throughout the District]," said Dr. Elizabeth Friedman, Chemistry chairperson.

But "as any scientist knows, statistics can be manipulated to prove or disprove—and the way the District is presenting it Valley had no growth last year so we don't get any money."

Because the Final Budget shows Valley had no growth, funds have been distributed to other colleges. Graphs included in the Final Budget show Los Angeles Southwest College earning almost \$600,000 in 91/92 yet it received over \$1.2 million for the Fall semester and \$1.4 million in the Spring. Valley



MISLEADING—LAVC President Dr. Mary E. Lee during College Council meeting. Seated with Dr. Lee are Brick Durley, (L) Assoc. Dean of Admin. Services and History Professor/AFT Union Rep. Penny Pollard.

earned almost \$1.6 million in the Fall and about \$1.5 million in the Spring but received zero in 91/92.

"Why does Valley have to bear the brunt of the District's budget problems?" Friedman asked. "We have a high percent of disadvantaged [minority] students but the District sees us as an affluent white school...not even our black

Chancellor [Dr. Donald Phelps] will recognize the number of disadvantaged students that come here," she said.

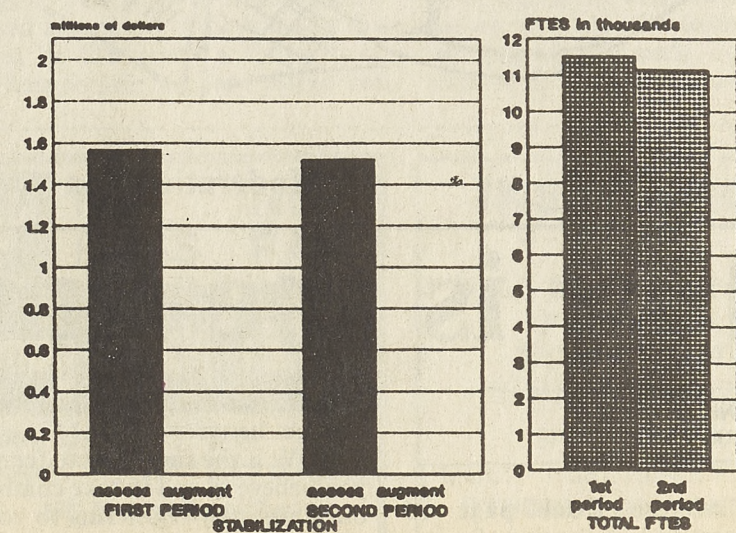
"The presentation of budget information is misleading to the public and the college community; Valley serves the fourth largest number of diverse students in the District," Dr. Lee said.

In March the Board of Trustees voted for a stabilization formula that would provide funding equity among the four larger colleges (Pierce, LACC, Trade Tech and Valley) during a four year period, Dr. Lee said. "Valley accepts that decision but we would rather have that equity now."

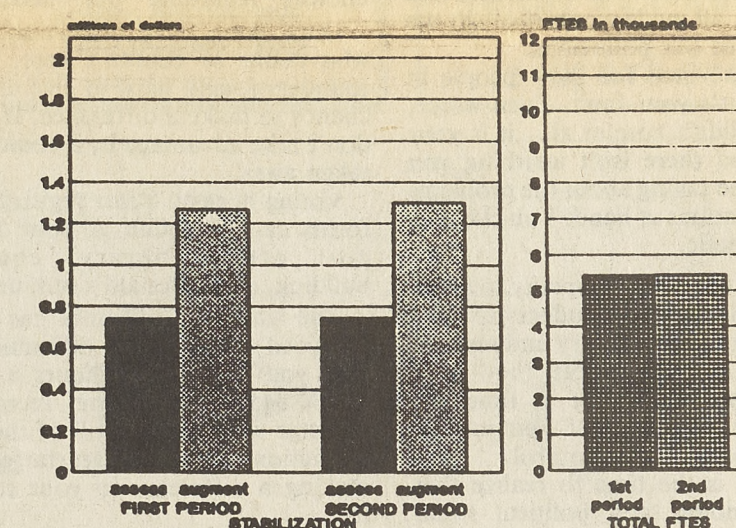
Dana Mendor also contributed to this story.

Charts indicate inequities in funding. The comparison below shows a great difference between West Los Angeles College and Los Angeles Valley College. In '91/92 WLAC earned almost \$700,000 and received \$1.2 million. LAVC earned \$1.6 million and received nothing. This is just one of the examples of the differences among the nine colleges which comprise the Los Angeles Community College District.

Los Angeles Valley College



West Los Angeles College



Graph Source: Office of the Chancellor—LACCD

Free service offered as bus rider lure

By JENNIFER CASE
Opinion Editor

In an attempt to increase ridership, DASH (Downtown Area Short Hop) bus service decided Monday to offer free rides on their natural-gas powered shuttles for a month.

With a special coupon delivered to participating Studio City merchants on the DASH route, one of

the six buses will deliver you to any one of their 49 Studio City and Van Nuys stops, including Valley College and the Sherman Oaks Fashion Square.

In addition to the free rides, each DASH customer that rides one of the six buses will receive a flyer that gives discounts at businesses on the route. The coupons are good until October 14, 1992.

Some of the discounts include a

20 percent discount on any Kinko's service, a one month free mail box rental at Universal Mail, and free developing of a 12-exposure roll of film at Studio City Camera.

Du-Pars is offering a free cup of coffee while Kick's Footwear is giving customers 10 percent off of any purchase. Classic Barbershop has a free gift, and if you buy an ice cream or yogurt at Swensons you can get one free.

Relatively new, the line started its service two days before the L.A. riots began in April. City officials feel this hindered publicity and thereby affected ridership.

Approximately 10 to 15 people ride the bus in an hour, said DASH driver Leticia Elizalde, of which "quite a few" are Valley college students.

Ridership is down about one-third from what transportation officials had estimated, and some student RTD riders feel that the free rides are not enough incentive to increase ridership.

Ray Douthrad, an undecided major at valley, said despite the promotion, the route is real limited.

Math major Almast Mgerian agreed. "It's not convenient for me—It doesn't go to the right place," she said.

Although the program cost \$1.6 million to operate in the first year, city transportation officials are using all the lures they have to pull in riders.

The city already operates eight other DASH programs in cities like Watts, the Pacific Palisades, Fairfax, and Westwood Village.

DASH buses run every 20 minutes weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. DASH does not provide service on major holidays or Sundays.

New intern programs generate interest

By ANNA L. VILLA
Editor-in-Chief

The Cooperative Education and Placement Center at Valley offers internship opportunities that are related to students' majors and can also help them earn college credits.

Three current internship programs for the Los Angeles Superior Court that have generated much interest, according to director, Hanna Pettersson, include the Child Advocate Program, the Domestic Violence Clinic and judicial assistants.

On Sept. 30 two presentations will be held in Monarch Hall at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. for volunteers interested in the Child Advocate Program.

"The program involves a commitment to a child," Pettersson said. "You see a child through court pro-

ceedings from start to finish. A child advocate is not a legal representative, they become the child's friend and resource and make sure the child's wishes are heard by the court."

The Domestic Violence program involves frequently working with abused women who are seeking restraining orders against their abusers.

"It's a very emotional kind of thing because it is very difficult for people to come in and admit they're being hurt and that they need help," Pettersson said.

With the increasing number of victims, Pettersson said, the Bar extended their volunteer program to students with positive results. This year, Valley's program is being considered for the County Productivity Commission Award.

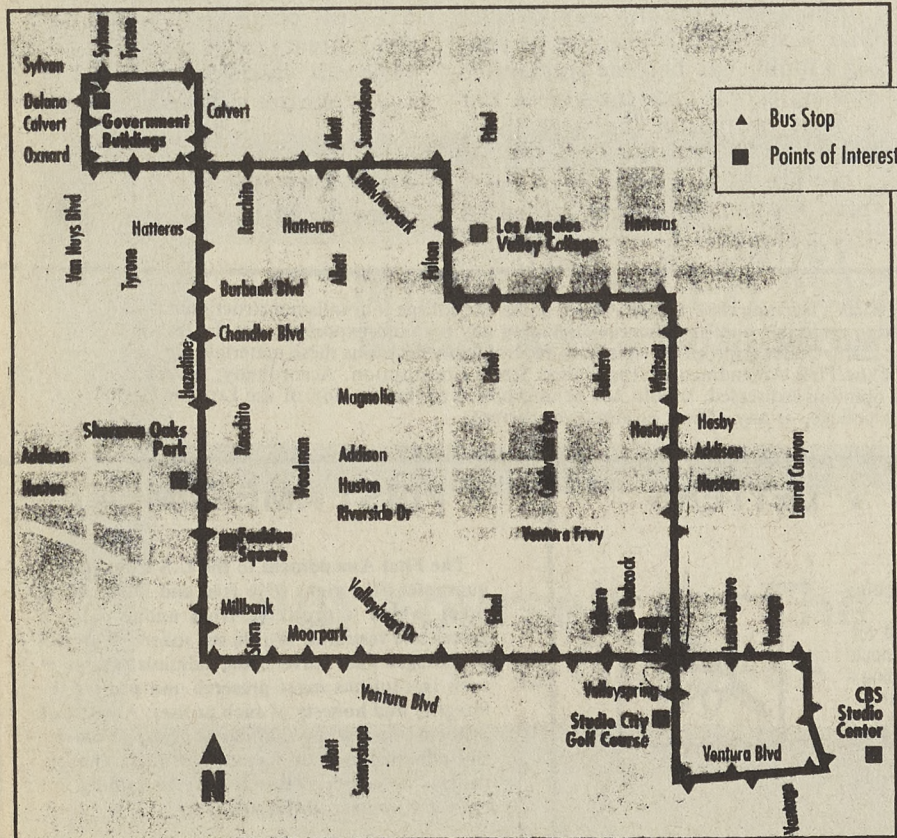
The judicial assistant program is designed as a one-year commitment in which a student learns the full process a lawsuit entails. "You learn the terms, the procedures and which forms to file—anything that is related to the case," Pettersson said.

Currently all the eight positions available, four in the Van Nuys court and four in the San Fernando court, have been filled.

However, there is a waiting list for interested students and she is looking into the possibility of expanding the program to other courts throughout Los Angeles County.

"All three [programs] are very worthwhile—it's self-satisfying to the students. I keep hearing all about the 'Me' generation but that's not what I'm seeing from the students. They're very interested in giving something back to the community which is nice to see," Pettersson said.

For more information on other intern programs, visit the Cooperative Education and Placement Center in CC116 or EXT. 272.



Map Source: DASH

NEWS BRIEFS

District leaders walk for AIDS

The annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles will be held Sunday, Sept. 20 with opening ceremonies beginning at 9 a.m.

L.A. Community College District

leaders are registered to walk the 10 kilometers to show their support of AIDS Project L.A. Among those walking are Chancellor Donald Phelps, Valley President Dr. Mary E. Lee and other Board and Valley faculty.

The Walk begins and ends at Paramount Studios, 5555 Melrose Ave. in Hollywood.

For more information call (213) 466-WALK.

Mentorship program recruits volunteers

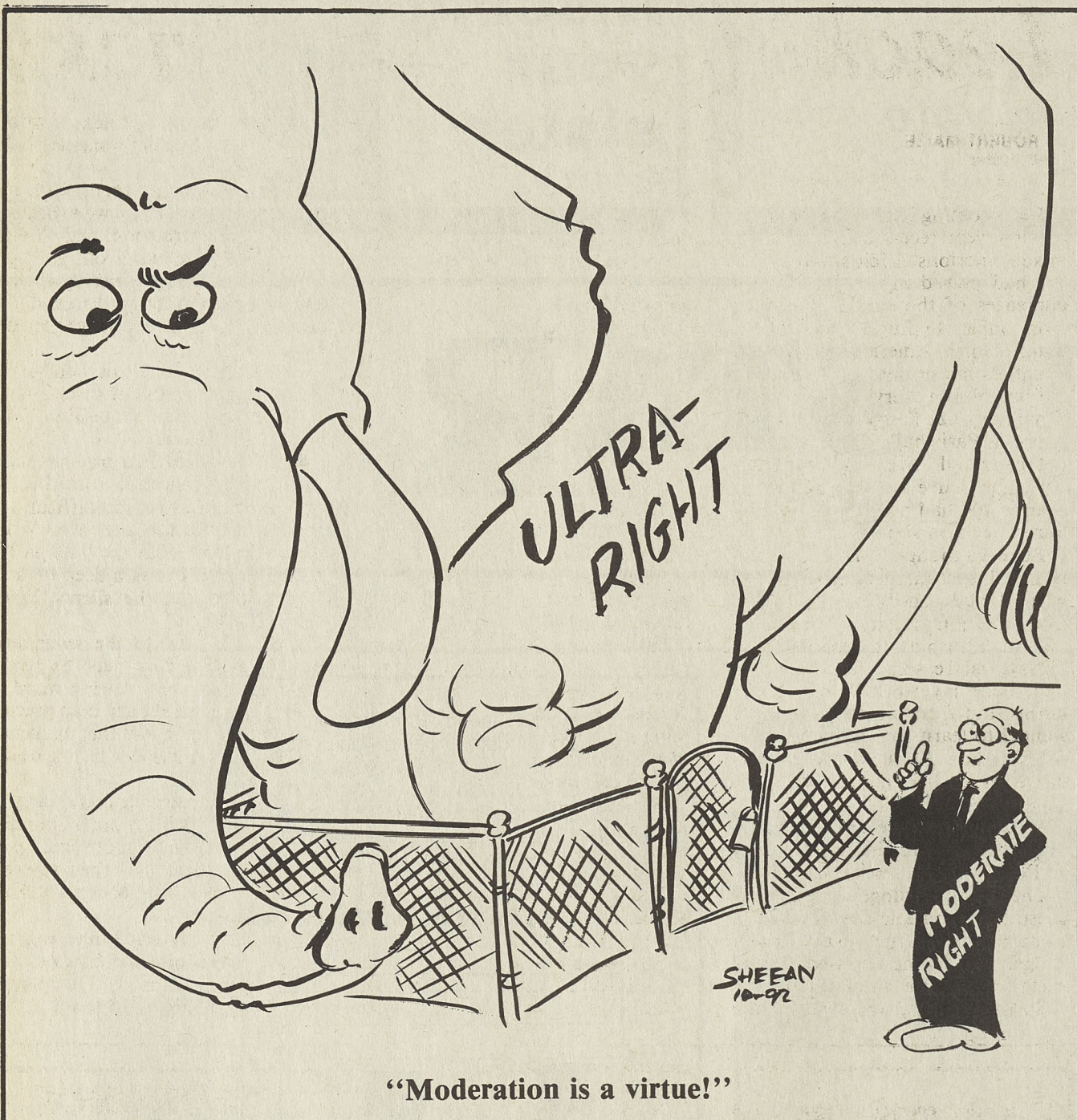
In an effort to encourage young students to pursue their education ASU, LASA (Latinos Americanos

Student Association), and People Plus, an affiliate of the Red Cross, will be recruiting students to participate in a mentorship program tomorrow at noon in Monarch Square.

The mentors will serve as tutors in both an academic and social setting for one semester.

"We would like people to reach out and give a little back to the community by being a child's friend and tutor," Melvy Murginia, vice-president of LASA, said.

Speakers will be present and movie star, Edward James Olmos is scheduled to attend.



Now is the time to vote

By TIFFINIE McENTIRE
Staff Writer

It's on the front page of newspapers and on the tips of many tongues—the impact of budget cuts on education, poor unemployment figures, cut backs on health care and welfare, all made worse through the actions of our politicians.

If you voted for these people in power, it's your fault. Even worse, if you didn't vote at all, it is your fault and there isn't anything you should be saying about the problems and situations at hand. You chose to be apathetic.

Well, it's time for apathy to come to an end and for students to take control of their country and responsibility for the people they have voted into office. It is time for students to be aware of their government and who is in control.

NOW is the time to realize that the economic and political situa-

tions at hand will get worse before they get better.

NOW is the time to vote for what you believe in and to take control of our destiny by registering to vote.

Casting a vote is the ultimate in exercising your freedom of choice. As American citizens we have choices regarding our beliefs.

Once there were restrictions on who could or couldn't vote. Our founders fought hard to give us the chance to make a difference. If you don't take advantage it, it could be taken away.

Voting is easy. Voter registration forms can be found at your local post office, library, county building, or McDonald's restaurant.

The state of California has also provided a convenient 800 number that you can call 24 hours a day (1-800-345-VOTE). The recorded message will send you all of the information you need to get started on making a difference in your country.

In addition, the Los Angeles Valley College Associated Student Union will be holding VRED, Voter Registration-Education Day. The ASU has a goal of registering 3000 people to be eligible to vote in this November 3 election. This event will be held in Monarch Square from 10 a.m. until the early evening.

This is a crucial place in time to make a difference. Make sure you are registered to vote on or before October 5, 1992. If you don't make it happen, —your voice won't be heard in the November 3, presidential election.

Unregistered voters or apathetic voters will miss their chance of making a difference for another four, long years. The American people may not last that long if we don't speak up now.

Take responsibility as an American voter now because tomorrow will be too late. Your vote is your voice—make it loud.

EDITORIAL Prevention needed in Chemistry labs

Suppose your employer decided to take an extra tax out of your paycheck beside the ones you already gave to the government. Luckily, you're a good money manager, so you are still able to scrape by—barely. The thing that upsets you, though, is that the government is giving the money you earn to all your co-workers who are in better shape than you are. Then, when you try to get some of your money back to make necessary repairs on your home, your co-workers tell you that you are whining. But you really need that money to survive.

This is the situation at Valley College. Not only did Valley lose money in the budget cuts, but the college has to give money it earns to other district colleges, leaving Valley struggling to even offer academic classes.

Furthermore, Valley earns the most money for the district, but has a potential disaster just waiting to happen and no money to fix it.

What's worse is that an inspector needed to come out and condemn the lab fume hoods before the district would do anything about the situation. Nevermind the fact that the state

emergency funds were all used up from asbestos removal across the state.

Meanwhile, the school could blow up at any minute and all Governor Wilson can say is that schools have too much money. Maybe that's what it will take for Wilson to realize the effects of his cuts. Are thousands of lives the price we have to pay for Wilson to understand that schools are barely hanging on?

Others hazardous conditions on this campus are just as serious as the chemistry lab, yet there is no funding to correct the problem before it gets worse. The problem is that there is no preventive medicine going on. Hazards aren't being prevented because there aren't enough funds to do so.

Everyone loses in this situation. The schools lose money and students, the students lose out on a good education, and the community loses out on skilled workers.

The bottom line is it costs a lot less to prevent a problem now than to clean up the mess afterwards—especially when the cost is losing a life.

Letters to the Editor Family values lose their value

In response to "Kissing babies is not enough", I must say that our country is focused on anything but making this world a kinder and gentler place for children.

Our country's infant mortality rate is atrocious. Washington, D.C. has a higher infant death rate than many third world countries including Costa Rica. In 1980, the child poverty rate in this country was at 10 percent. Thanks to twelve years of "family first" Reagan-Bush leadership, it now stands at twenty-five percent.

When it comes to women giving birth and wanting time off to spend with a newborn, 127 countries including Japan and all of Europe

guarantee parental leave for employees.

America and South Africa do not guarantee family leaves and our "family values" president is all set to veto the Family and Medical Leave Act again. This is because he doesn't really value families. He uses the monetary contributions from big businesses and wants to use God, the flag, and Mom's apple pie as a diversion from his record.

If he valued families, then he would've demanded that the Republican National Committee turn the five hundred thousand dollar campaign contribution from Michael Kojima over to the courts to pay his delinquent child support

payments.

The RNC at first was holding the money in escrow, but then decided it had just as much a claim to the funds as Kojima's children who are owed over two hundred thousand dollars and have judgements to that effect.

If I had a child, I would never let him/her be kissed by anyone as immoral, unethical and hypocritical as George Herbert Walker Bush.

Even if his grandchildren do love him, George has no concern for anyone but himself.

Linda C. McCabe
Star reader

One bad apple doesn't ruin the bunch

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor that appeared in the September 10 issue of the *Star*.

Tracy D. Hart, the commissioner of gay and lesbian concerns, presented the issue of homophobia on campus.

While I am in no way rebuffing or disagreeing with his position, I do contend that there is nothing shocking or surprising in the incident with the police officer.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Hart, there are people in the world, policeman included, whom are prejudiced. Some of them actually don't like gay people, others hate blacks and Jews, while still others feel that Latin Americans, women, the handicapped, and even the overweight are in no way equal or as

deserving of rights as are "normal" people, whatever that may be.

The problem I had with Mr. Hart's letter was his indictment of not only the campus police department, but the entire student body. The fact that there is spite and ignorance in a few does no way implicate us all. To suggest that "homophobia is in the people who are sworn to protect and serve" is both irresponsible and every bit as prejudiced as the argument that gay people are in some way "off-color."

As a person of regard and influence amongst the the Valley College Gay and Lesbian community, it is your responsibility, Mr. Hart, to call for an apology or disciplinary action of the policeman rather than

cast a shadow of prejudice on the entire department.

It is important for people of all descent and sexual orientation to realize that ignorance and hatefulness do exist here, but the actions of a few do in no way reflect the attitudes and positions of the student body.

I hope that when you do encounter prejudice in the future you take it for what it is and remember that while a rotten apple will always leave a bad taste in your mouth, it doesn't ruin the bunch.

Neil Simon
Undecided major

"We're sick and tired of it"

What is Governor Pete Wilson doing to us?

When he cuts welfare to keep single moms from raising kids, and when he cuts education to keep our minds from new ideas or plans, it forces us to do nothing. When he accuses the needy of being lazy, isn't this one big scam?

We are slowly being forced into a

trap by a government whose only interest is corporate oriented.

And what about the family values Quayle speaks of? The cost of raising a family has become intolerable pushing people onto the streets. But at least people on the street have values.

We are being closed in on by a force we can no longer afford to

have dictate the very core of our humanity.

To treat people like cold stones is not to treat people at all. It is time to raise our voices in all honesty and say, "We are sick and tired of it!"

Jody Lawson
Speech/Music major

Battle of the wives continues

By JENNIFER CASE
Opinion Editor

"Read my lips," the man standing atop Capitol Hill said. "No new taxes!" We could be realistically expect this from a man who doesn't eat his vegetables?

Meanwhile, in another part of the country, the other man admits to trying marijuana, (only once), but swears that he never inhaled.

Meet our presidential candidates.

In the right corner, we have current champion George Bush, weighing in at an unbearable lightness. He could soon wither away. His current enemies include Saddam Hussein and broccoli. What a rebel.

In the semi-left corner we have Governor Bill Clinton, his opponent. Trying to be macho, he entered the ring with hopes of grabbing the big title. He came out of nowhere, which, in my opinion, is

where he belongs.

The candidates have done some questionable things.

Georgie got all hot and testy and launched into a war he knew he could win. What do you expect with all that testosterone flying around (or lack of it)?

Come to think of it, how can we expect him to do things like balance a budget when he can't even balance his diet?

What about Clinton? How can we expect him to be faithful to his country if he can't even be faithful to his wife?

Hopefully this will be a double knockout fight, so we can get to the real fight—the battle of the wives.

With the spotlight now on the women, which is where it belongs anyway, maybe they'll finally get their chance take credit for the decisions presidential wives have been making for years anyway.

Forget the battle over who bakes

the best chocolate chip cookies, who's the best grandma, or who is best at bossing her husband around. If our vote is going to be cast on who's wife we like best anyway let's make them really show their stuff.

We have in one hand a well-educated lawyer who really knows how she feels on issues (maybe she isn't suited to be a politician, come to think of it.)

Then we have a white-haired old lady who quietly helped fight the war on drugs, while her patriot husband took on a war in another country.

Either way, the wives have probably done more than the husbands anyway. Just for showing initiative, I think they should both get a shot at the job.

It's real simple. It's either Barbara or Hillary who will run the country. It's your call.

Either way, remember to vote.

If you still have any doubts, just do it. Why ask why?

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Swiss poster exhibit

The Los Angeles Valley College Art Gallery will be showing an exhibition of posters from Switzerland Oct. 5 through Nov. 20.

The selection of museum posters, largely from the 1980s, reflects the strong graphic imagery for which Switzerland is well known.

The opening reception will be Monday, Oct. 5 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. An historical slide presentation will be given by John Clark at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Hall.

Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

The exhibition has been made possible through the Richard K. Nystrom Grant.

For more information call (818) 781-1200 ext. 400.

Teaching old new tricks

By ROBERT MAIZE
Staff Writer

I was coming back to school after a thirty year recess and I had very mixed emotions. I felt strange.

I had played my bass fiddle for audiences of thousands of people, from Japan to Europe and all the major North American cities (and countless minor ones.)

I had played everywhere from the Monterey Jazz Festival to an opera house in Paris built by Napoleon.

I had made over 40 recordings, performed live at the Grammy awards and had been in movies and done television shows.

But even though I was a pro, rarely had I been as nervous as I was when I auditioned for the LAVC Community Orchestra.

I was returning to school for all the typical reasons. The economy had made my work scarce. I was burned out from all the traveling. I wanted to learn something new.

I was now on a voyage of self-discovery. I had already accomplished many of my life-goals.

My children were grown and on their own. I had time and energy and ready to do... what?

The LAVC catalogue listed an orchestra class on Tuesday evenings. I contacted the instructor, Dr. Robert Chauls, and let me know where and when to come for an audition.

So there I was, walking with the

bass to the music room to audition.

I started to panic. Why was I doing this? Wasn't it kind of ridiculous for such an old man to be coming back to school with people who were younger than my own kids? Maybe it would be hard to teach an old dog new tricks. I wanted to turn around and go safely home.

To my surprise, I noticed that many of the people hurrying to classes were not the children I'd expected to see. In fact, some appeared to be even older than me.

I suddenly realized that "community college" means the whole community, not just the children.

The entire community was represented; young, old, black, brown, white, men and women.

I felt more at home on the campus. But I was still nervous about the audition.

I arrived inside the music building and was told I would have to wait for about 90 minutes. Waiting for an hour-and-a-half was just the thing my nerves needed. I sat down and reviewed my entire life up until this critical moment.

Although I had auditioned for and with bands, and had made countless audition tapes, I had never before done an audition like this.

This audition involved walking into a room alone and playing by yourself for one person. I felt mercilessly exposed and naked. I thought that this must be like inside a confessional. "Please forgive me, for I played that

note out of tune..." I knew I was being ridiculous. Again I wanted to bolt.

Finally it was my turn. With my heart beating wildly, I went bravely into the orchestra room and clumsily unpacked the bass from its bag.

Dr. Chauls seemed friendly enough and attempted to appear detached, but after all, he was here to judge me, and I knew it.

"I've never done this before," I announced as a sort of disclaimer.

"Nobody likes to audition," he said as a sedative.

I had prepared two pages from a Bach piano concerto; something I now realized was far too difficult for me. But it was too late now. What else could I do? Play the blues in F?

I got ready. I took a deep breath. And believe me, the silence WAS deafening.

I put the bow to the string and plunged in. The bow made a scratching noise like a saw sawing wood. I looked at the music I had been practicing for a month, but at that moment I could not remember ever having seen it before.

My fingers experienced a dream-like paralysis. All my notes sounded weak, sloppy, and out of tune. I was rushing the beat and then slowing down... it was like Murphy's Law put to music.

So in spite of my exaggerated worries, and my uncomfortable feeling of going into a new field of study, I am playing with the orchestra and I love it.

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Monarchs settle for tie in '92 football opener

By KEVIN BOLT
Sports Editor

They say a tie is like kissing your sister. Last Saturday's 14-14 tie with Antelope Valley in the Monarchs 1992 football opener was a hard-hitting, penalty-stricken contest that involved no kissing.

After dominating both sides of the football in the first half, Valley failed to score in the second half and squandered a 14-7 halftime lead.

With seven ticks remaining on the clock in the fourth quarter, the game rested heavily on the shoulders of 5'9", 175-pound place kicker, Jaime Ballesteros.

With the score tied at 14, and a packed house on their feet, the snap was good, the place was down, the kick was up, long enough, but it sailed just wide to the left.

Things looked good from the start, as the Monarchs took their no-huddle, run-n-shoot offense down the field on their first possession of the year. They marched 59 yards on nine plays, and scored a touchdown to take a 7-0 lead.

Valley's sophomore tailback Howard Blackwell broke three tackles en route to his 19 yard touchdown run.

Antelope Valley tied the score as Marauders' linebacker Josh Patterson recovered and returned LAVC quarterback Joe Mauldin's fumble

for the 7-7 tie.

Valley's offense showed poise on their next possession. They went 61 yards on six plays for the touchdown and a 14-7 lead. The drive was highlighted by a dazzling 28-yard run by Blackwell. He eluded five would-be Antelope Valley tacklers before finally being dragged down at the Marauders 16-yard line.

Two plays later, on a third down, Mauldin dropped back to pass, looked into solid defensive coverage and took off running. After shaking a tackle, Mauldin cut against the grain and headed towards the middle of the field managing to find the end zone.

The third quarter featured no scoring, but in the fourth, Antelope Valley used short, crisp passes and long runs to methodically wear down Valley's defensive line. en route to a 14-play, 70-yard scoring drive.

Dawkins, who rushed for 108 yards for the night, capped a 14-play, 70-yard scoring drive with a one-yard touchdown run up the middle to tie the score 14-14.

Mauldin, who was 12 out of 30 for 124 yards passing, led the team back down the field with the hurry-up, two-minute offense.

The drive, which ended with a failed 45-yard field goal by

Antelope Valley, was highlighted by Mauldin bouncing off four tacklers and tip-toeing down the right sideline to the 25-yard line with just under thirty seconds to play.

Ballesteros attempted a field goal with seven seconds left in the game but hooked the ball too far left and had to settle for a tie.

"One guy doesn't carry the load, this was a team tie," Head Coach, Jim Fenwick, said. "We played good enough to win at times. It's frustrating and disappointing, but this is typical of a first game."

"I think defensively we played real well. We just have to focus on eliminating a few mistakes," he said.

Defensively the Monarchs were solid, giving up only one touchdown, but gave up 316 total yards, including 202 on the ground.

Sophomore defensive back Eric Moss said: "I think we had a great defensive game, even though we gave up a lot of rushing yards. The whole defense came up big on third down plays and made big stops when it counted."

The Monarchs have a bye this week and are preparing to face Glendale, one of the toughest teams in the Western State Conference. The game will be at Valley September 26 at 7 p.m.

Sports Briefs

The LAVC WaterPolo team completed their first tournament of the season, winning four of five games last weekend at Ventura. The Monarchs completely out-swam El Camino, pounding them 15 to 5.

"We had an outstanding tournament, especially on defense. We need work on our offensive shots and our extra man offense, but this was a good way to start the season," head Coach Bill Krauss said.

Valley advanced all the way to the championship game and lead Citrus

College 8-7 going into the fourth quarter, but failed to score again.

The overall high scorer in the swim squad's first outing was Steve Barron, who tallied 14 goals.

Valley paved their way to the championship of the tournament with wins over Santa Monica (7-5), Ventura (9-5) and Chaffey (7-4).

Valley can avenge the second place finish when they square off against Citrus again this weekend in a tournament at Mt. Sac College.

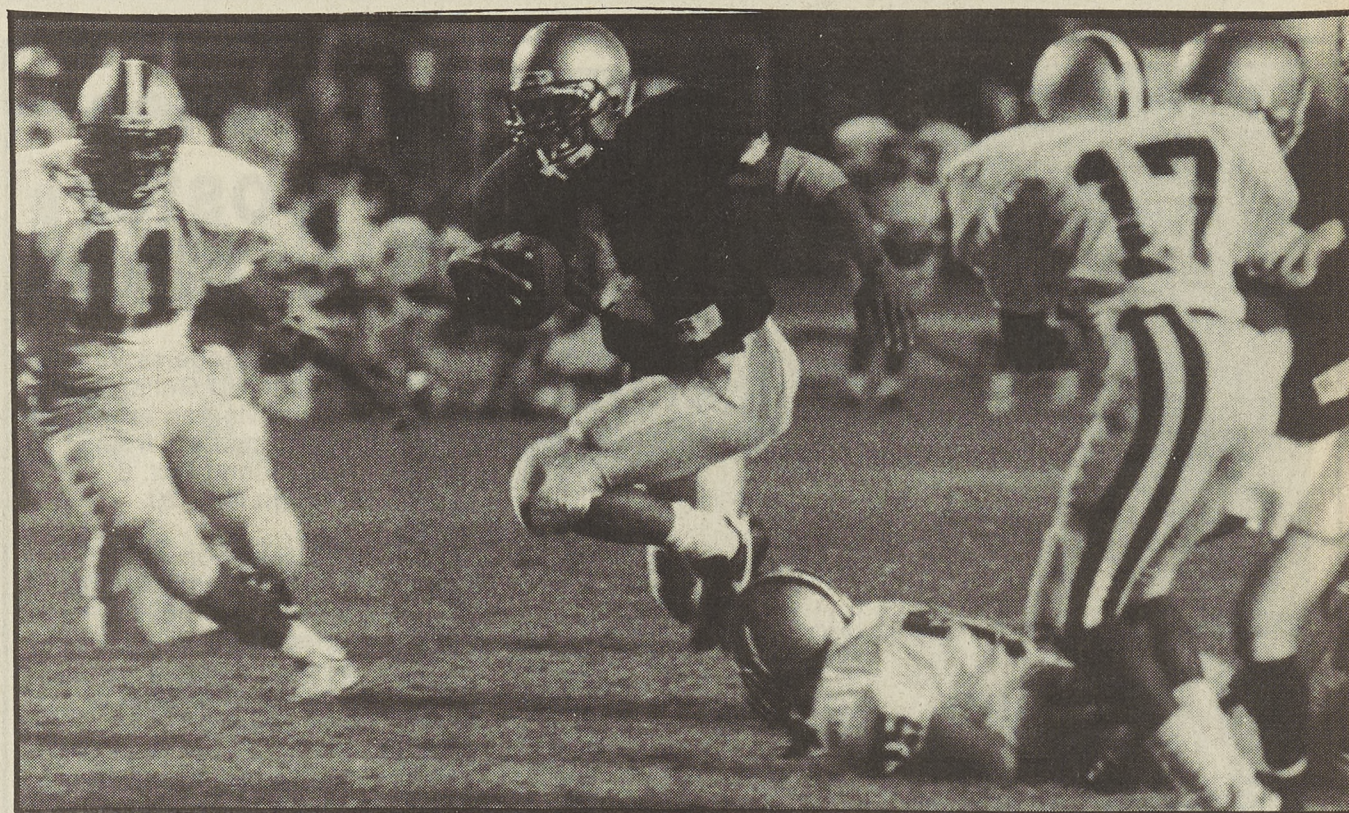
Myriam Levy contributed to this story.

Cross country

The Monarch Cross Country team laced up their shoes for their season opener last weekend at the Fresno Invitational but were left in the lower ranks out of 16 teams.

Despite the slow start, Coach James Harvey said he has good expectations for the team especially the new batch of freshmen.

The Monarch's next meet will be tomorrow at the Cuesta Invitational beginning at 3:30 p.m.



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RUNNING ROOM— LAVC tailback Howard Blackwell's 19 yard touchdown run capped Valley's

59 yard drive on its first possession. Blackwell rushed for 118 yards. Valley's next game is against Glendale.

Correction:

In the water polo picture that ran in the Sept. 10 issue, player Steven Mitchell was misidentified as Robert Martin. The Star apologizes for the error.

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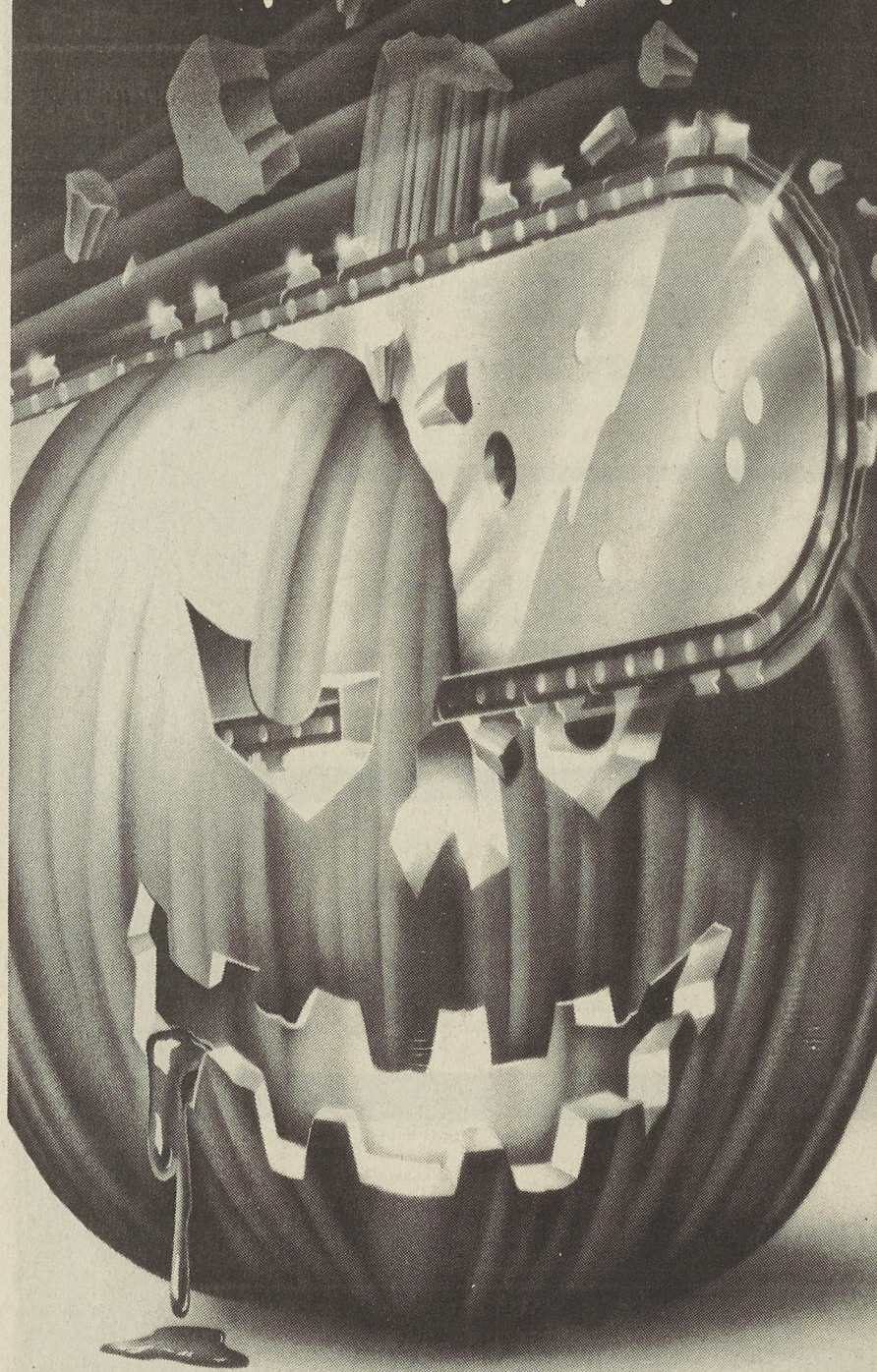
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